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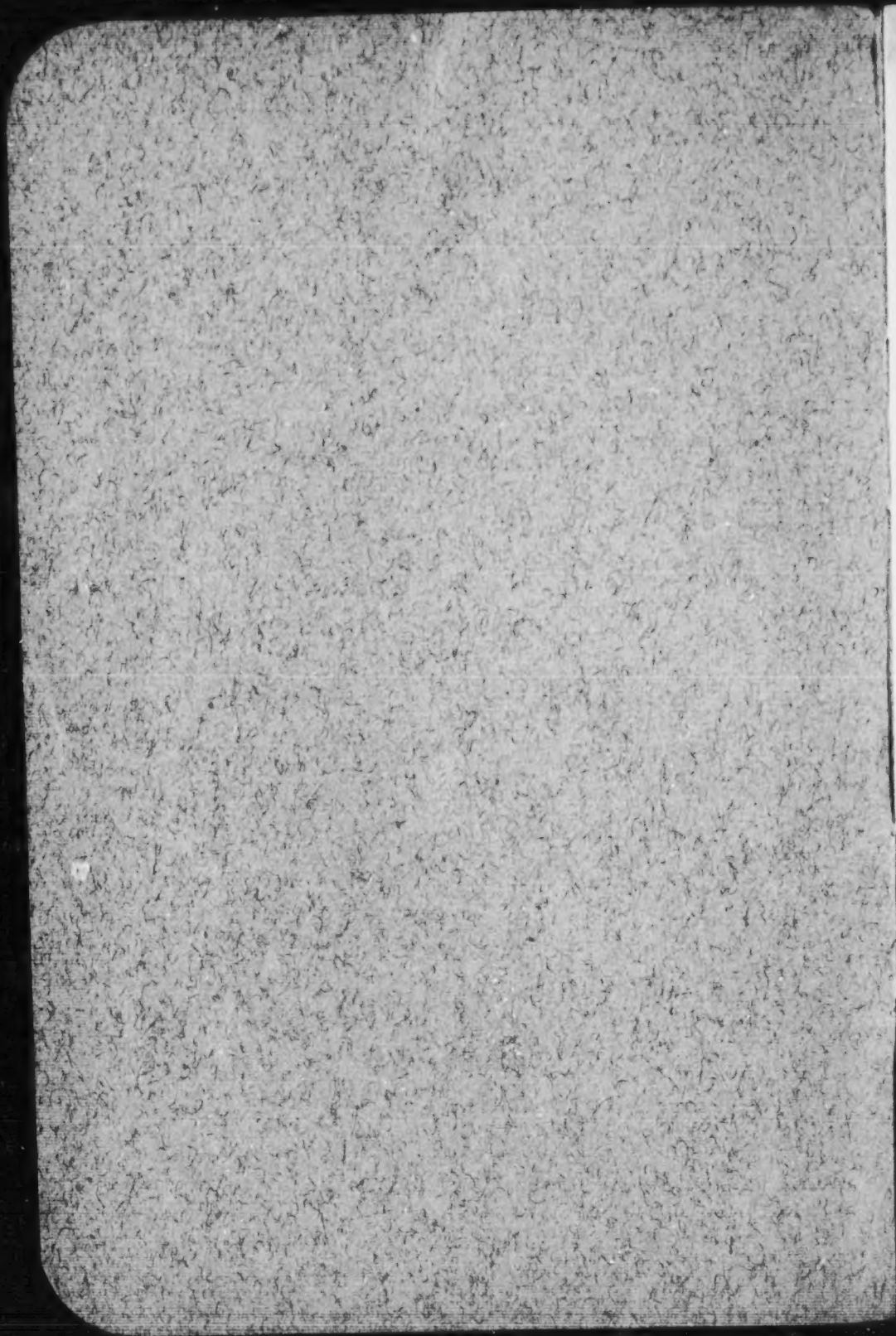
- OF THE -

Liberal-Conservative Union

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.





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The Executive is comprised of the foregoing officers.

Constitution.

NAMF.

1. The name of the organization shall be
THE LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE UNION OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

OBJECTS.

2. The objects of the Union are:
 - (A) To promote by all lawful means the interests of the Liberal-Conservative Party in British Columbia.
 - (B) To assist in forming and establishing Associations in all the Electoral Districts of the Province.
 - (c) To secure and circulate such literature as may be deemed expedient for the promotion of the objects of the Union.

MEMBERSHIP.

3. Members, officers, etc.:
 - (A) The Union shall consist of all members in good standing in all Local Associations.
 - (B) Any member in good standing in any Local Association shall have the right to attend any general meetings of the Union, and take part in any discussion, but

shall not be entitled to vote upon any question unless he be qualified as hereinafter mentioned.

OFFICERS.

4. There shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Union the officers for the year, namely: An Honorary President, a President, seven Vice-presidents (one resident in each Dominion Electoral District), a Secretary and a Treasurer. The whole of the foregoing officers shall be eligible for re-election, except the President.

EXECUTIVE.

5. The Officers of the Union shall comprise the Executive.

PRESIDENT.

6. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Union from the time of his election until the election of his successor.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

7. It shall be the duty of each Vice-president to assist in organizing Associations in the Electoral District which he is chosen to represent.

SECRETARY.

8. The duties of the Secretary shall be to conduct the official correspondence of the Union and keep the minutes of the meeting thereof.

TREASURER.

9. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive the money belonging to the Union and to disperse the same under the orders of the Executive Committee.

ORGANIZER.

10. The Executive may, when they have the necessary funds, appoint an Organizer at a salary to be agreed upon, who shall aid the several Vice-presidents in organizing Associations in harmony with this Union; to continually see that the Local Associations are at all times in good working order; to assist in providing for the proper supervision of the revising of the voters' lists; to disseminate political reading matter; to aid in elections, and to generally serve the interests of the party in accordance with such instructions as may be given to him by the Executive Committee. He shall make a full written report of his work and the results of his visits to the various districts to the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE.

11. The Executive shall generally manage the affairs of the Union during the year, raise the funds necessary to defray the expenses of the Union, direct the Treasurer as to payment of claims against the Union and provide public speakers when required to do so, and select place and time for meetings of the Union.

GRATUITOUS SERVICES.

12. The services of all the officers of the Union shall be gratuitous, excepting those of the Organizer who shall receive a salary to be agreed upon and the actual expenses incurred when travelling for the Union, four to form a quorum.

VOTING BY PROXY.

13. The members of the Union qualified to vote under Section 14 may vote by proxy at all meetings of the Union, but proxies can only be held by members of the Union. A member of the Union may hold a proxy whether he be otherwise qualified to vote or not.

VOTING POWERS.

14. The right to vote at any meeting of the Union shall be exercised by the following members of the Union :

(A) By five delegates for every member of the Provincial Legislature, to which each separate constituency may be entitled, such delegates to be elected by the Liberal-Conservative voters of the Electoral District.

(B) By every member of the Union in good standing who is a Senator or a Member of the House of Commons, or the Legislative Assembly, or a candidate of the Liber-

al-Conservative Party for membership in said House or Assembly at the last Dominion or Local Elections, which persons shall have all the rights and privileges of duly elected delegates.

ELECTION.

15. The officers of the Union after being nominated by a mover and seconder shall, if demanded by at least ten members, be chosen by a written ballot. Any vacancy occurring during the year may be filled by the Executive.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

16. Four weeks' notice of all meetings of the Union shall be given by advertisement in the Conservative press of the Province.

QUORUM.

17. Twenty delegates actually present shall form a quorum.

SPECIAL MEETING.

18. A special meeting of the Union may be called by resolution of the Executive, notice of such meeting to be signed either by the President of the Union and by the Secretary, or by any three Vice-presidents, or if the Executive refuses to call a special meeting then upon the resolution of four Dominion Electoral District Associations, the meeting shall be called.

WHO MAY PRESIDE.

19. In the absence of the President the Senior Vice-president who may be present shall preside.

TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended on a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

21. This Union shall have power to form a code of By-laws and from time to time to add to, modify, alter or rescind the same.

22. District Local Associations shall have the power to form a Code of By-laws, but such By-laws shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of this Union.

ORDER OF DEBATE.

23. Matters which do not arise out of the minutes shall be dealt with by motion, duly proposed and seconded. No person shall speak more than once to any motion (except by way of explanation or by special permission of the chair), but the mover shall have the right to reply

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

24. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. President or Vice-President Takes the Chair.
2. Committee upon Credentials Appointed.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reading Minutes.
5. Correspondence.
6. Reports.
7. Resolutions.
8. New Business.
9. General (Including Election of Officers).

